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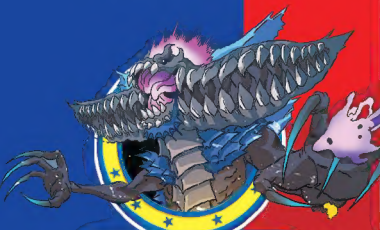
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CHAOS EMERALD
SUPER-CHARGED HERO



CHIP/LIGHT GAIA
WITH THE GAIA COLOSSUS



**THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS**
WORLD HEROES



DARK GAIA
WORLD-DESTROYING
BEAST OF DARKNESS

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THE STORY SO FAR...

THE LIGHT AND THE DARK

One of Dr. Eggman's mad schemes to take over the world went awry, splitting the planet into pieces and unleashing the long dormant spirits: Light Gaia and Dark Gaia. Light Gaia lost its memories and power, but was soon taken in by Sonic and friends and given the nickname "Chip."

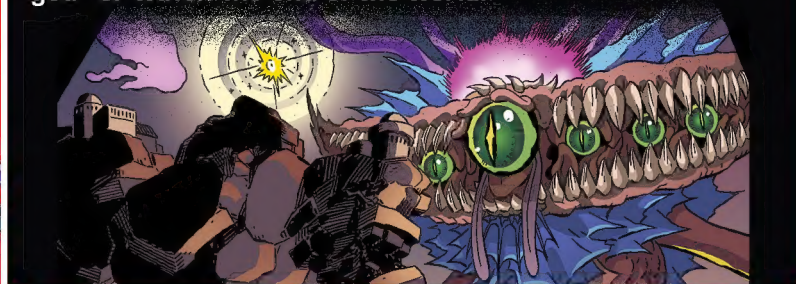


Dark Gaia disintegrated and poured over the shattered world. Monsters made of its essence rose up at night, people were driven to depression and hopelessness, and Sonic became infected, turning into the fearsome Werehog.



Sonic, Chip and the Freedom Fighters sought out the power of the seven Chaos Emeralds and Gaia Temples, which were foretold to end the crisis. Meanwhile, Dr. Eggman gathered up all of Dark Gaia's energy for his own use. In the end the temples combined into the mighty Gaia Colossus, and the collected dark energy reformed into the terrifying Perfect Dark Gaia.

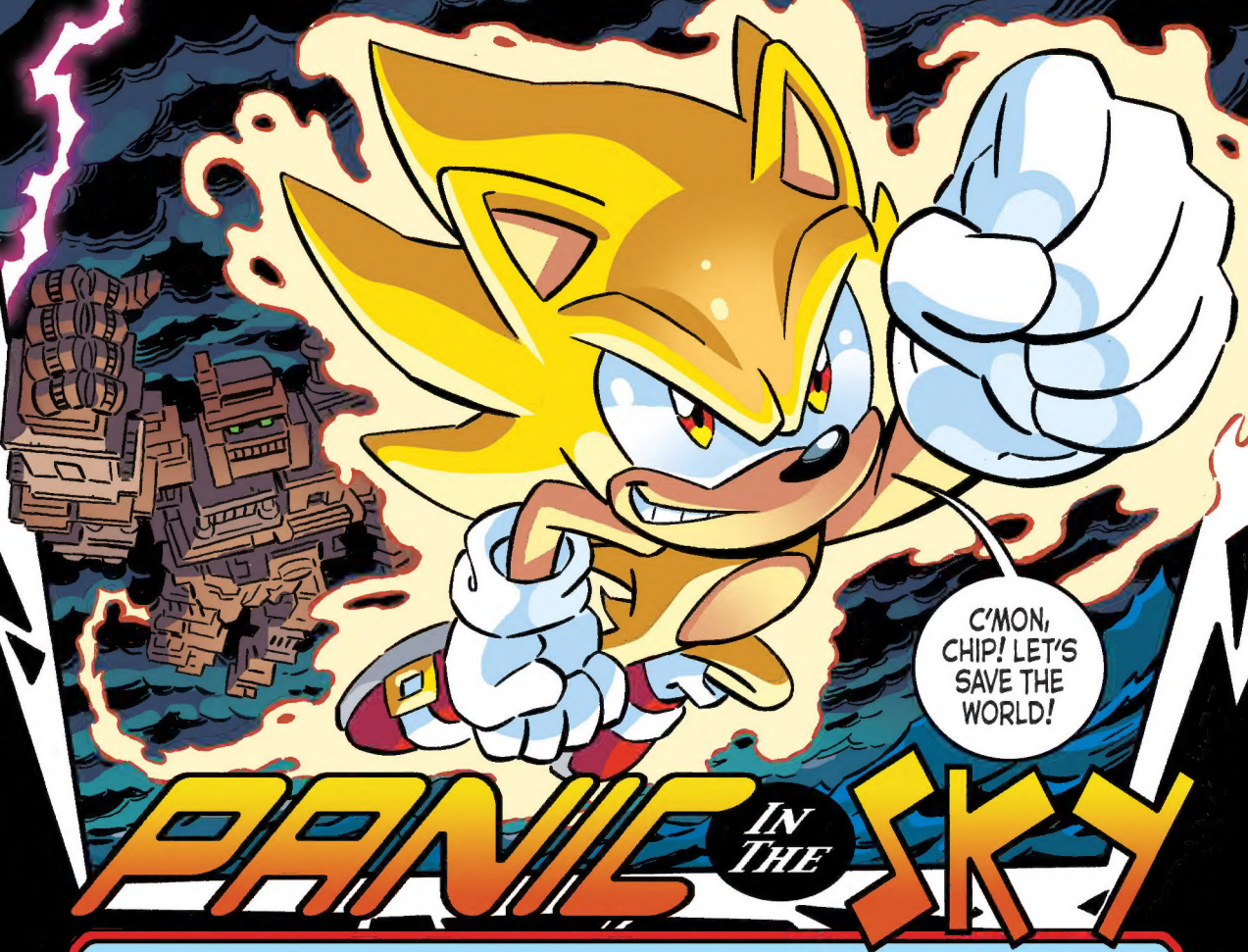
Now Super Sonic leads Chip, piloting the Gaia Colossus, into battle against Perfect Dark Gaia. Together they must defeat the destructive god—or watch the end of the world.



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C'MON,
CHIP! LET'S
SAVE THE
WORLD!

PANIC *IN THE* SKY

PART FOUR: FINALE—AS WAS FORETOLD

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Sonic!
Dark Gaia
is raising
a shield
with those
things!

WELL, WE
CAN'T HAVE
THAT! I'LL
TAKE DOWN
THESE SNAKE-
WHATEVERS!

SPLORCH

Then
I'll keep
Dark Gaia
distracted!

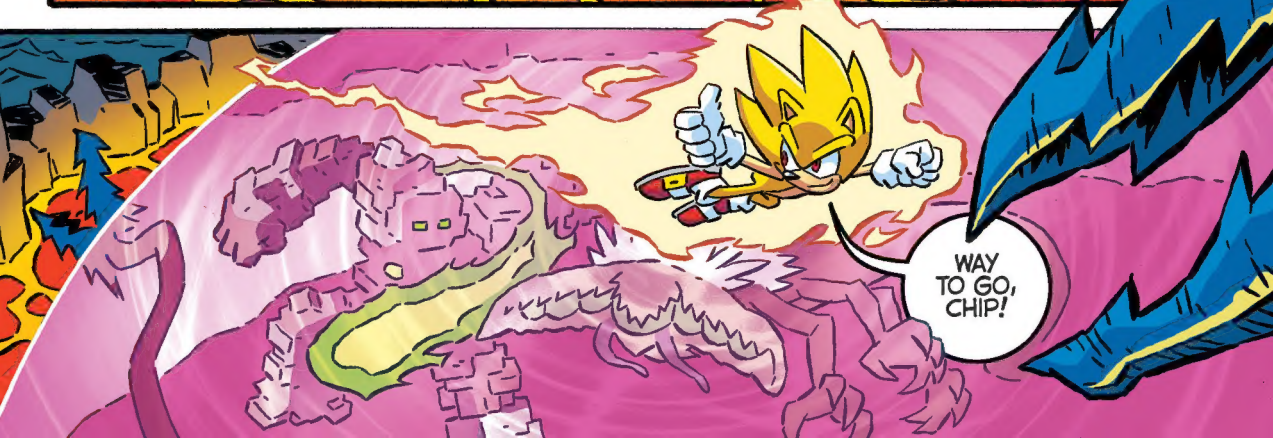
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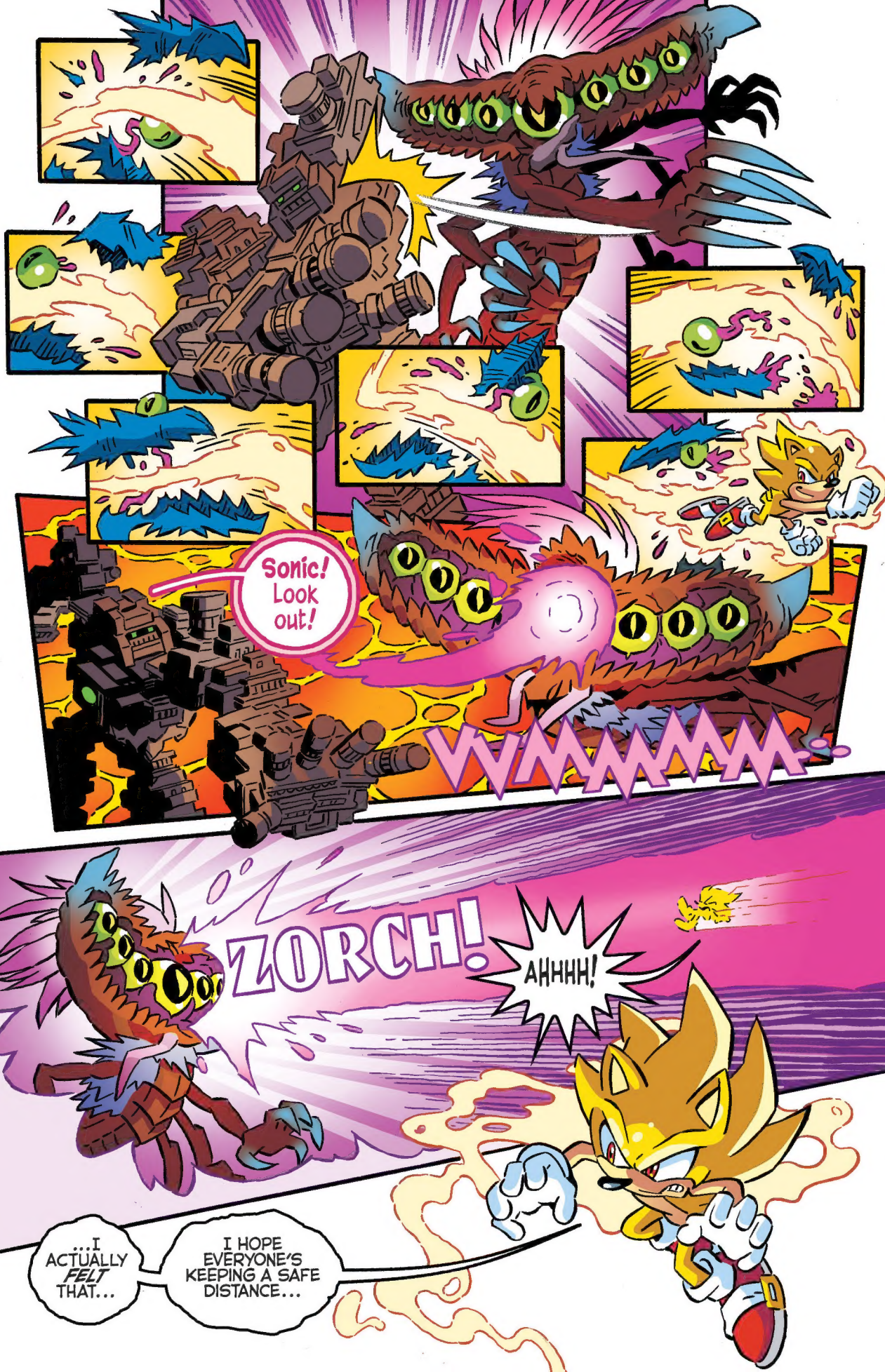
SHRRRRZZZZ



**HRRR--
RRRAUGH!**



WAY
TO GO,
CHIP!



Sonic!
Look
out!

ZORCH!

AHHHH!

...I
ACTUALLY
FELT
THAT...

I HOPE
EVERYONE'S
KEEPING A SAFE
DISTANCE...



WE SHOULD
BE SAFELY OUT
OF RANGE!

I THINK
THOSE ARE
RELATIVE TERMS
AT THIS
POINT...



ZE DEATH
EGG...SHE IS NOT
MOVING...?

I'M GUESSIN' IT'S
FINALLY OUTTA GAS.
THE DOC WAS
PRETTY DESPERATE TO
GET THAT DARK GAIA
ENERGY.

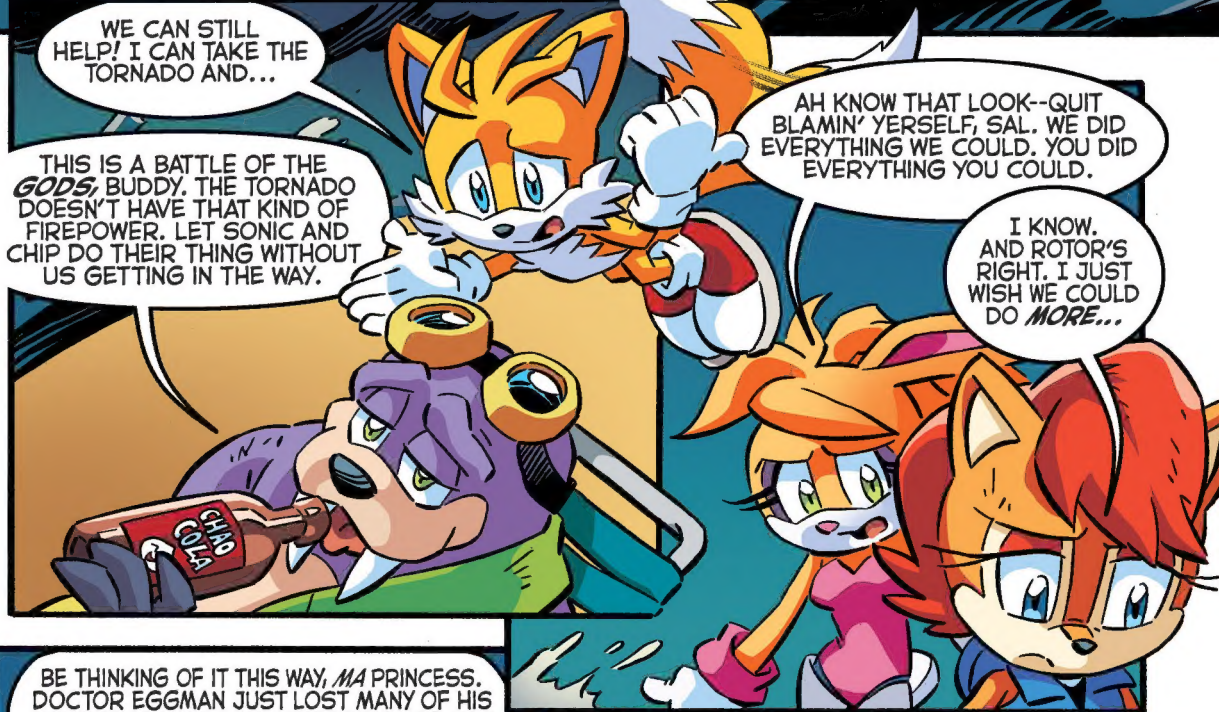


WHAT'S
GOT ME MORE
CONCERNED
IS AH DON'T
SEE THE SKY
PATROL NO-
WHERE.

OH,
MY GOSH--
DOWN
THERE!



HANG ON, GUYS!
THE HANGAR ENTRANCE
IS SUBMERGED, SO I'M
GOING TO HAVE TO LAND
US ON THE DOME!





CRASH!

ROOOOAR!

SHRIIIII!

THAT WAS
TOTALLY ONE
OF KNUCKLES'S
MOVES!

HaHA!
well,
I don't think
I can make
this thing
Spin Dash!



LET'S KEEP
IT UP! I'LL
KEEP HIM
DISTRACTED,
YOU PUT
HIM DOWN!

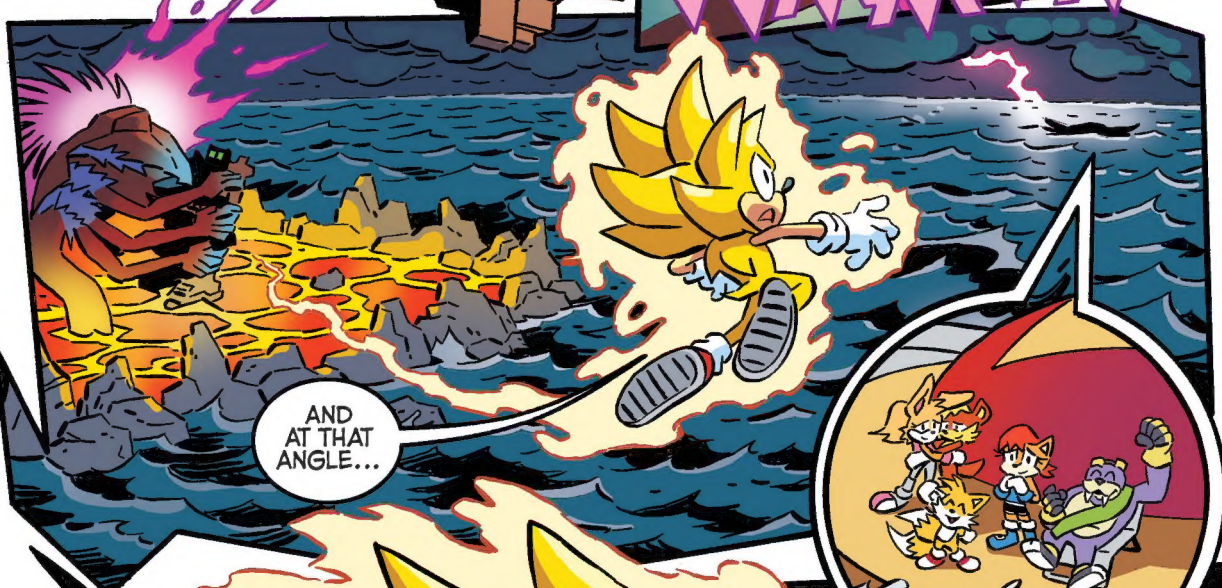
Right
behind you,
Sonic!



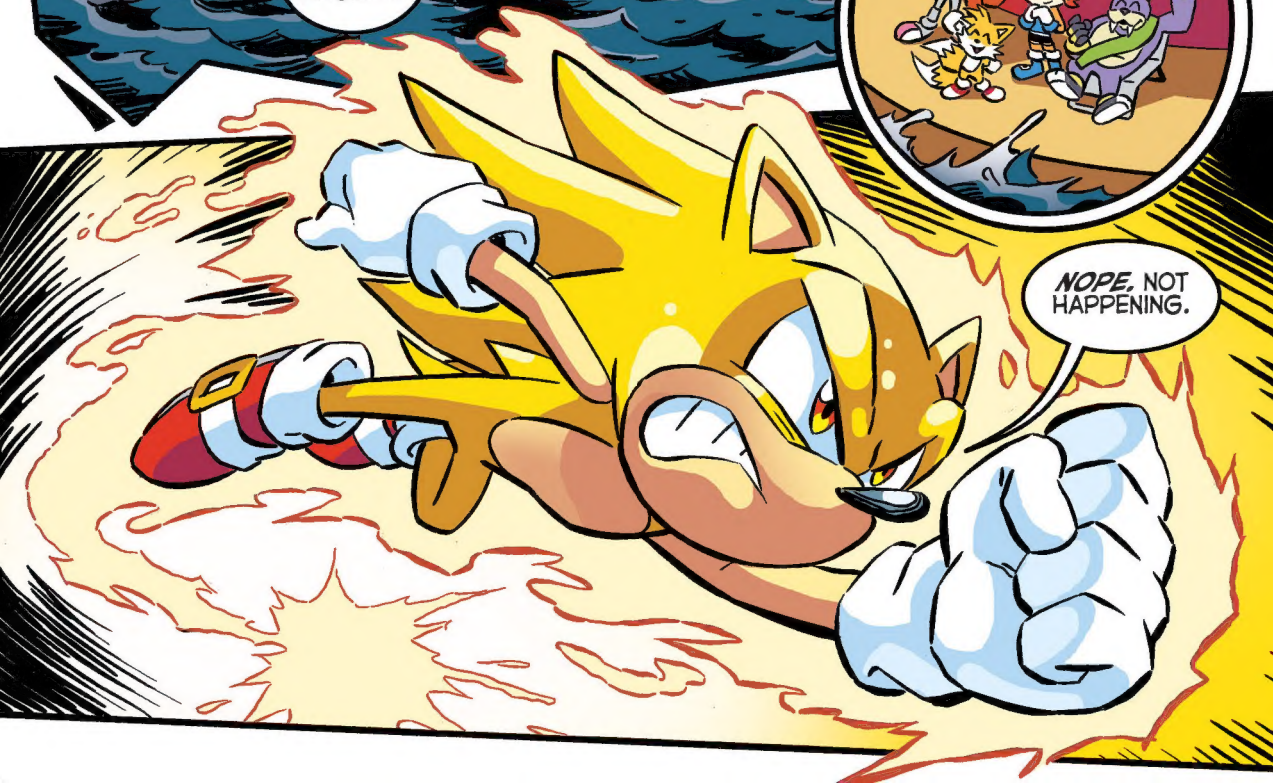
AHH!
Sonic!
It's got
me!



It's
charging up!
I don't know
if the Gaia
Colossus
can survive a
point-blank
shot!



AND
AT THAT
ANGLE...



NOPE, NOT
HAPPENING.



ROOOOAR!



AND ONCE AGAIN, MY ATTEMPTS AT HARNESSING AN ELDRITCH ELEMENTAL POWER FALL THROUGH...

AND AT GREAT PERSONAL COST, NO LESS! NEVER MIND THE RESOURCES... I REALLY LIKED THAT AMUSEMENT PARK!

AND I WAS SO CLOSE TO FINALLY POWERING THE DEATH EGG! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO STRIKE FEAR INTO THE HEARTS OF MY ENEMIES WHEN I RUN OUT OF GAS JUST GETTING INTO RANGE?!

ALTHOUGH...

...THE RAW POWER OF THE WORLD IS MUCH MORE POTENT THAN I IMAGINED. IT COULD WORK JUST AS WELL AS THE DARK GAIA ENERGY.

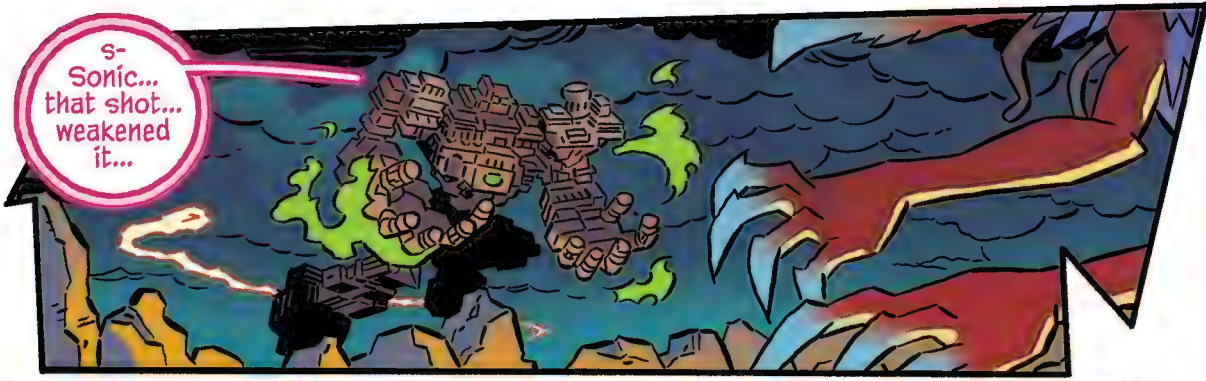


IF I COULD FIND A WAY TO SIPHON IT... SOME PLACE REMOTE WHERE SONIC WOULDN'T FIND ME AND RUIN MY PLANS AGAIN...

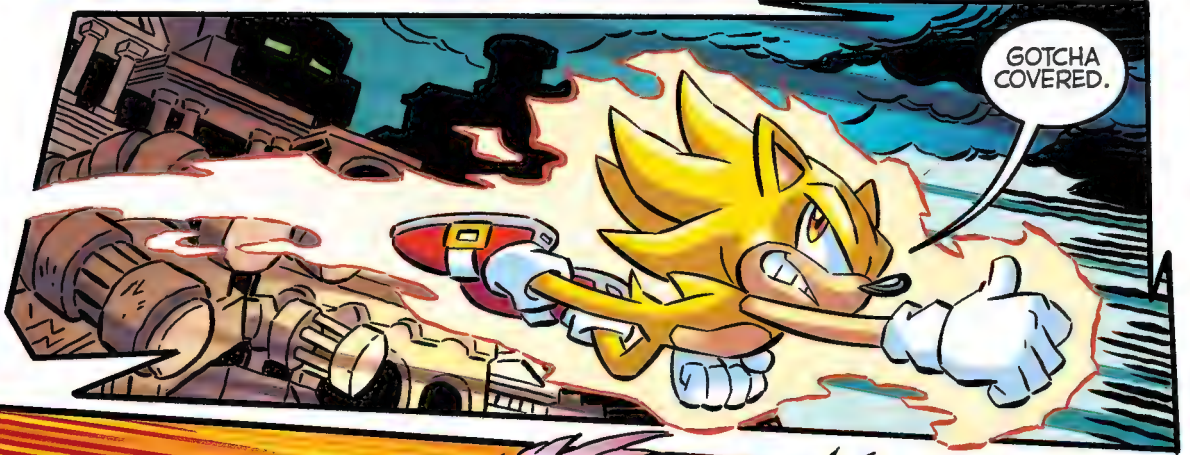
BAH! THAT'S PLOTTING FOR ANOTHER DAY.

I NEED TO GET OUT OF THE RANGE OF DARK GAIA--OR THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, IF THEY MANAGE TO RALLY!

S-
Sonic...
that shot...
weakened
it...

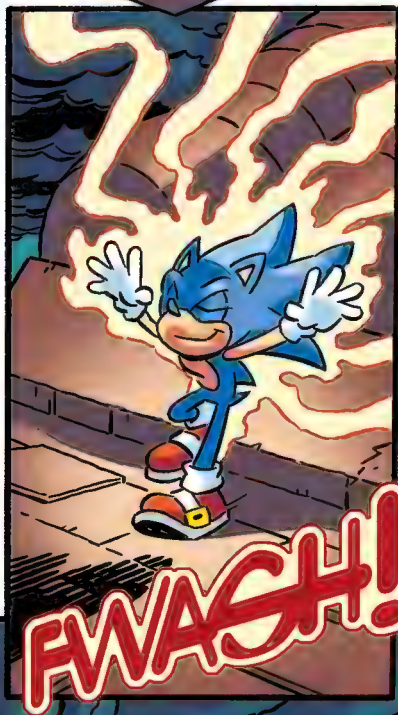
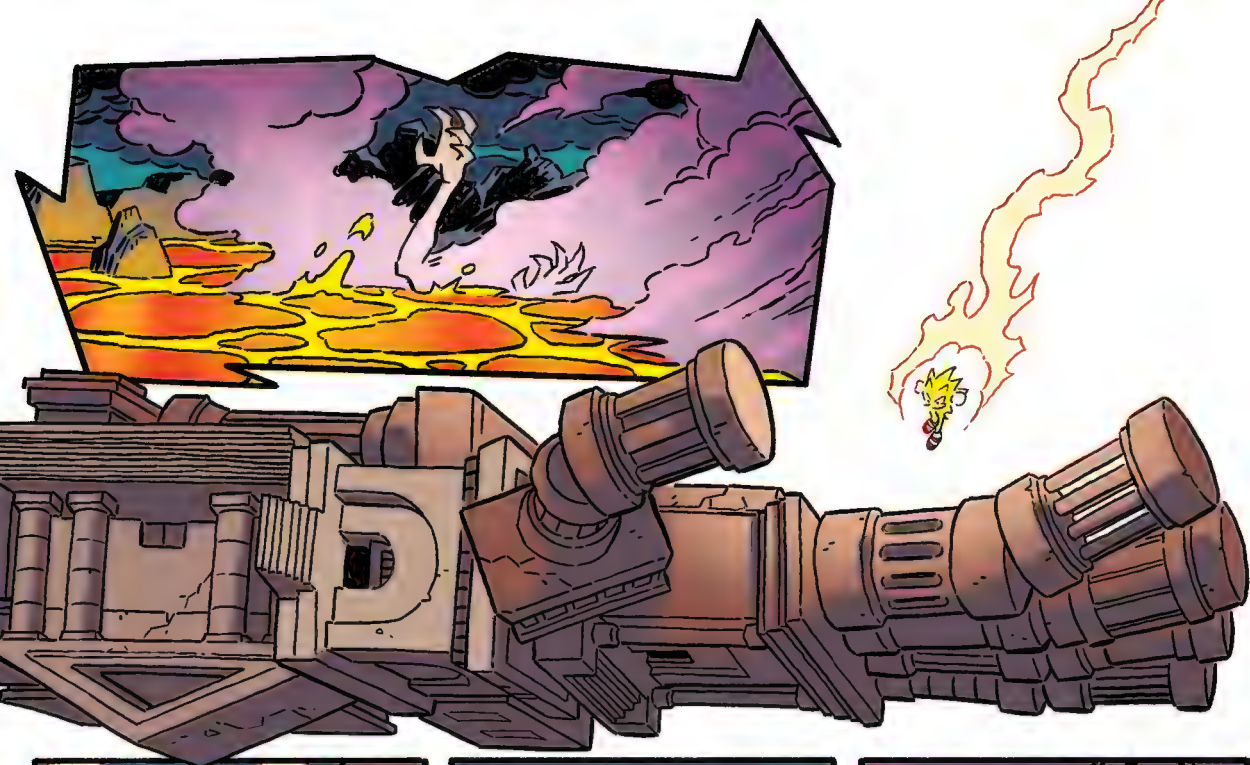


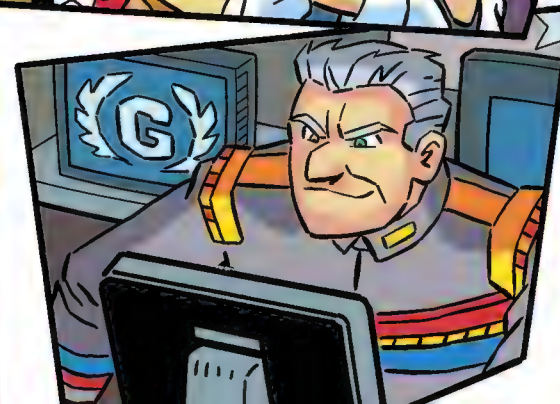
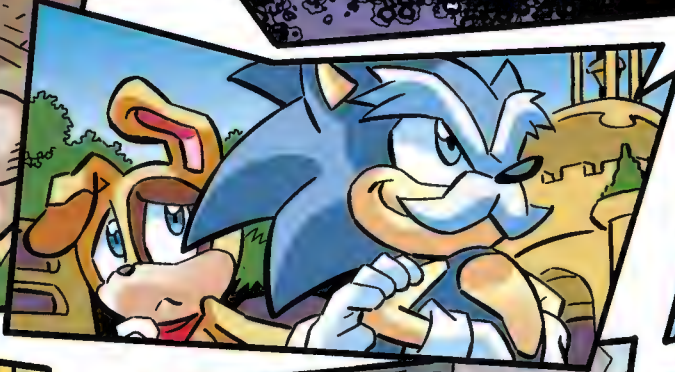
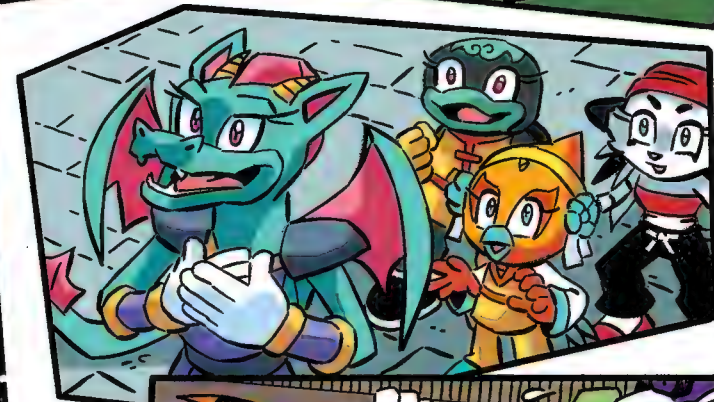
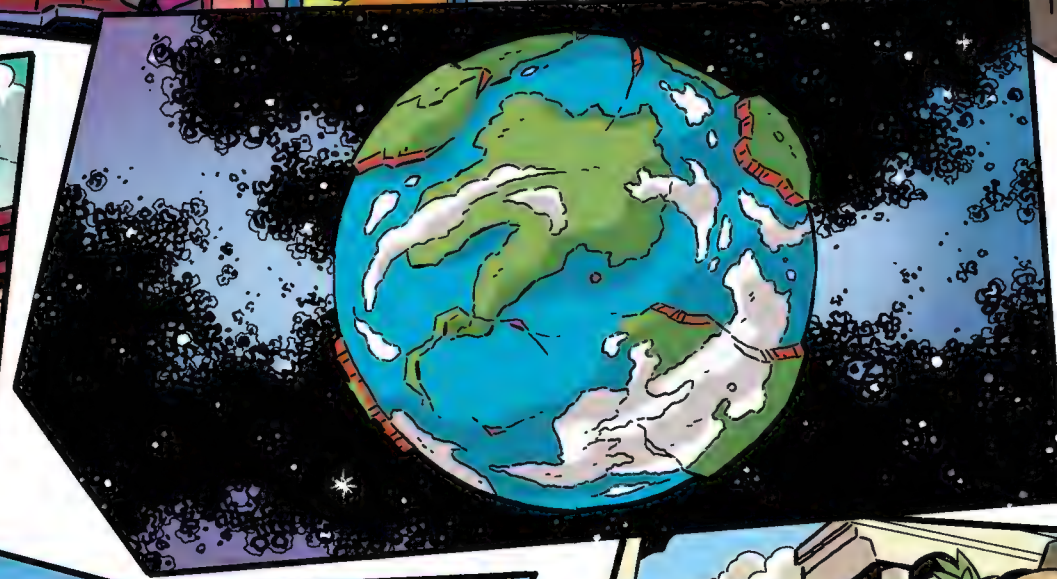
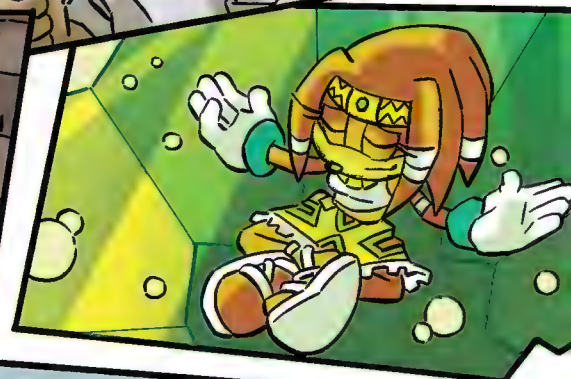
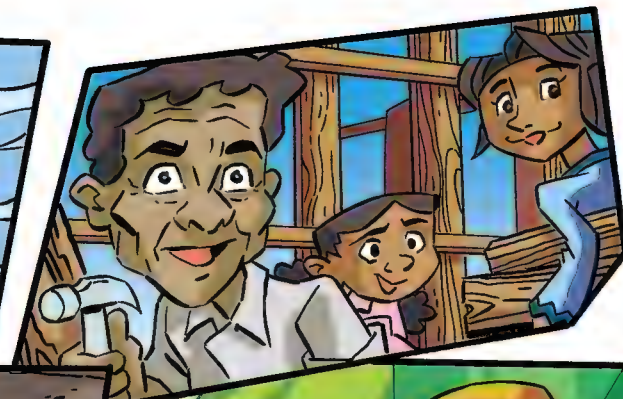
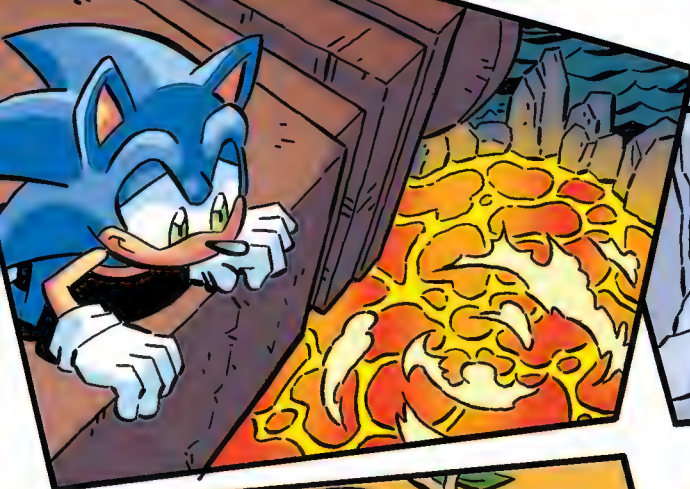
GOTCHA
COVERED.



SCHING!





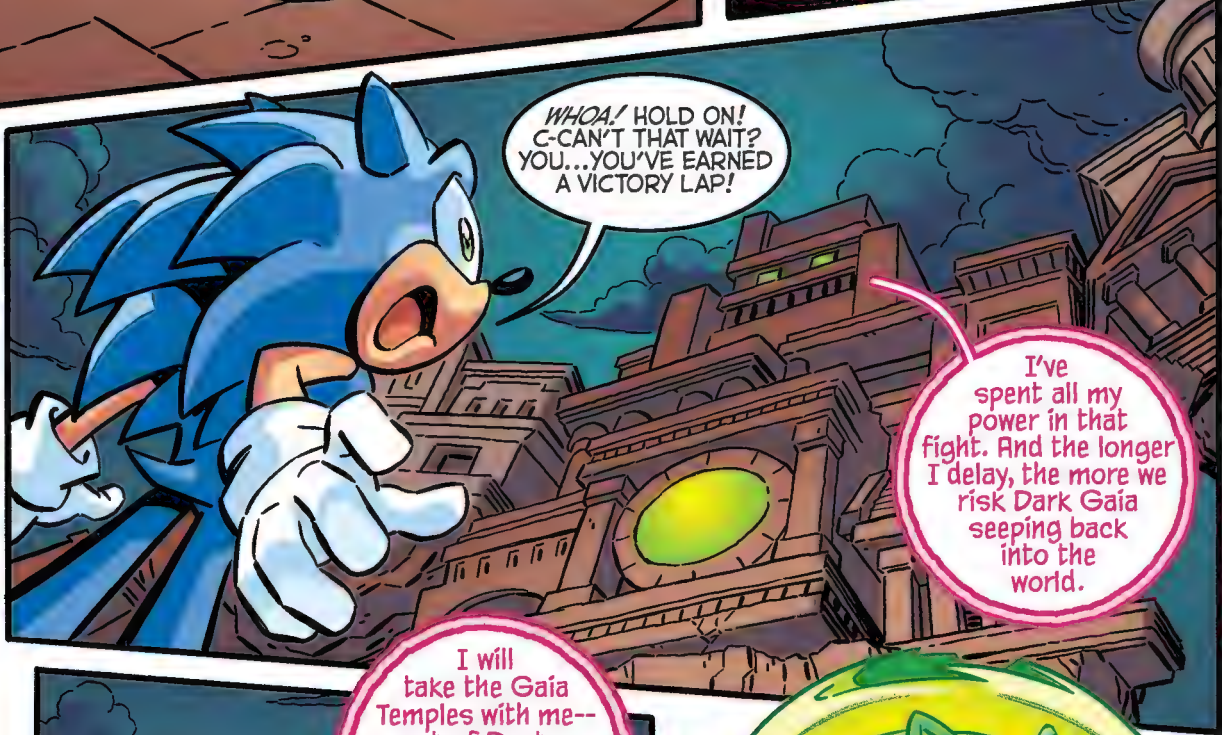
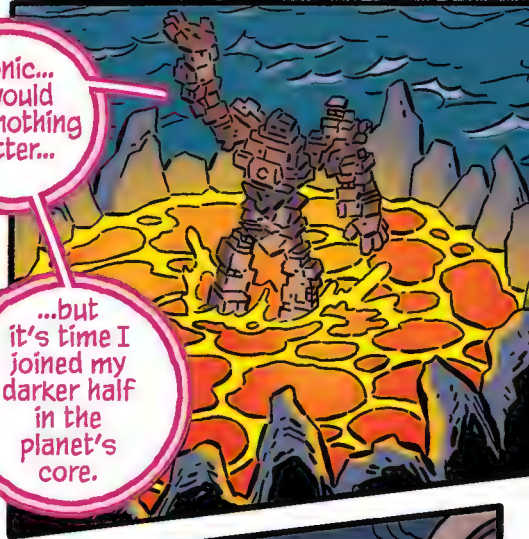




WHEW! WE DID IT, CHIP. WE SAVED THE WORLD. NOW WE CAN START PARTYING!

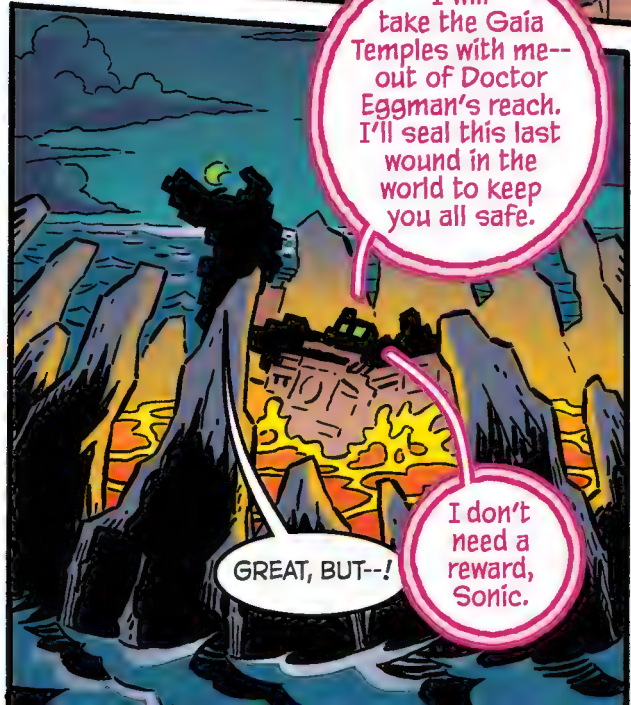
Sonic... I would love nothing better...

...but it's time I joined my darker half in the planet's core.



WHOA! HOLD ON! C-CAN'T THAT WAIT? YOU...YOU'VE EARNED A VICTORY LAP!

I've spent all my power in that fight. And the longer I delay, the more we risk Dark Gaia seeping back into the world.



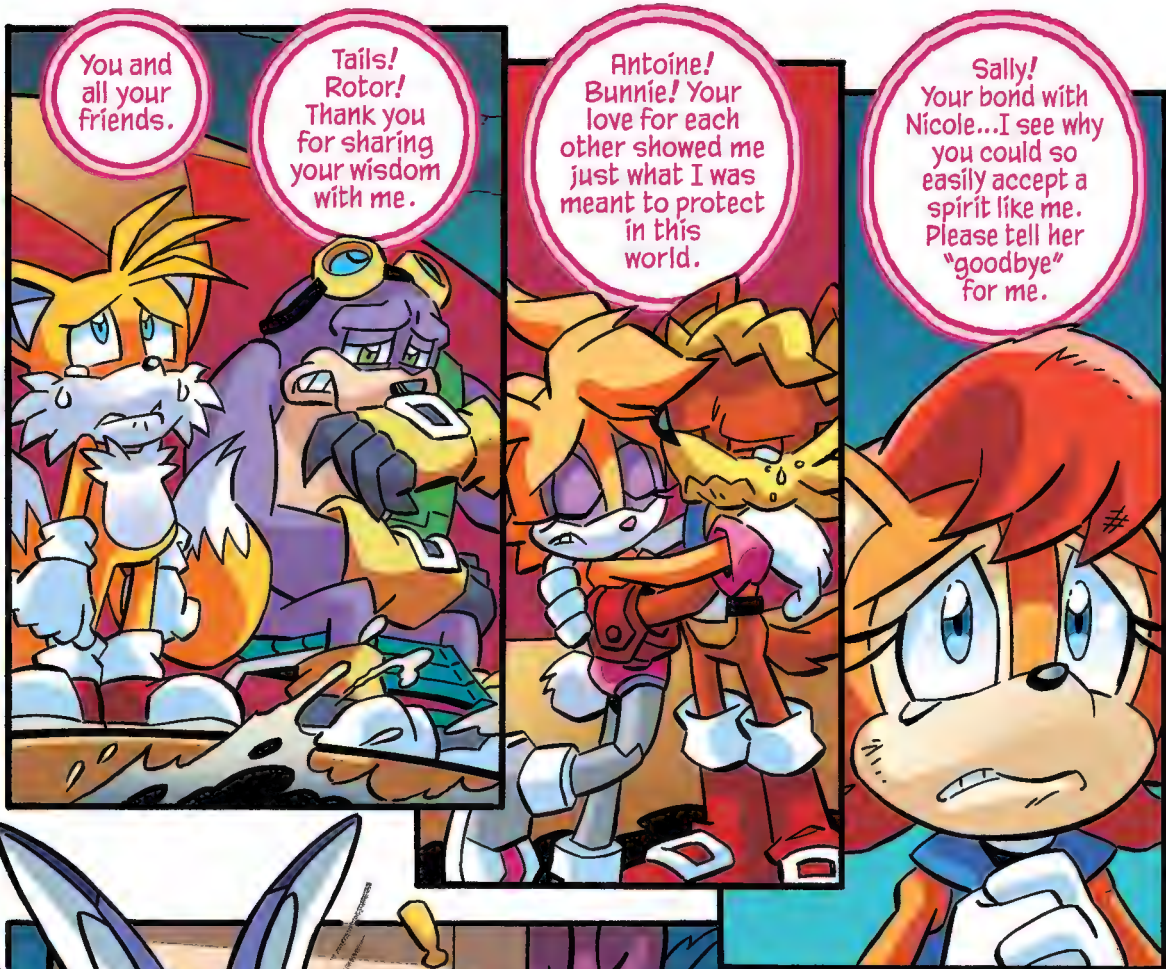
I will take the Gaia Temples with me-- out of Doctor Eggman's reach. I'll seal this last wound in the world to keep you all safe.

GREAT, BUT--!

I don't need a reward, Sonic.



The greatest reward was adventuring with *you*.



You and
all your
friends.

Tails!
Rotor!
Thank you
for sharing
your wisdom
with me.

Antoine!
Bunnie! Your
love for each
other showed me
just what I was
meant to protect
in this
world.

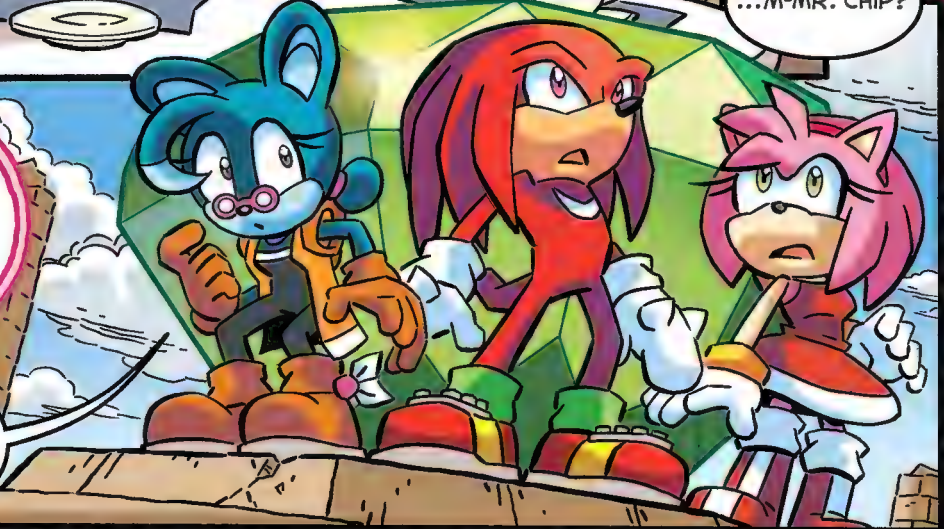
Sally!
Your bond with
Nicole...I see why
you could so
easily accept a
spirit like me.
Please tell her
"goodbye"
for me.

Cream!
Cheese! Big!
I wish I could
be closer when
I say farewell,
my friends.

...M-MR. CHIP?

Amy!
Knuckles!
Thank you
for inspiring
me with your
passion!

...Y-YOU
TWO DID
HEAR THAT,
Y-YES?





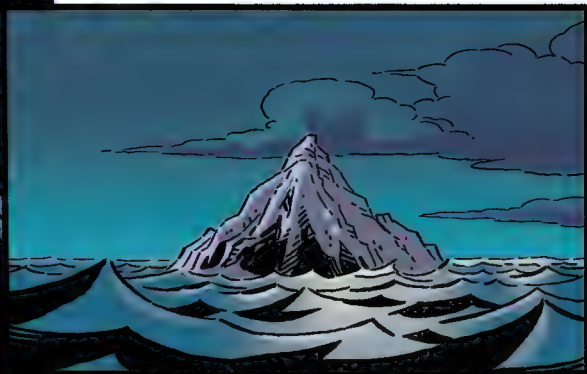
And I'll never forget you.

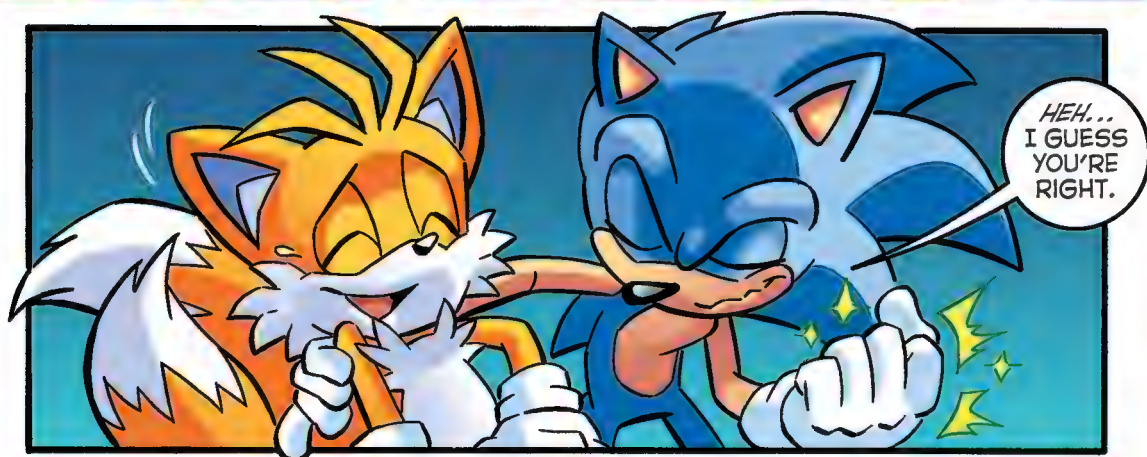


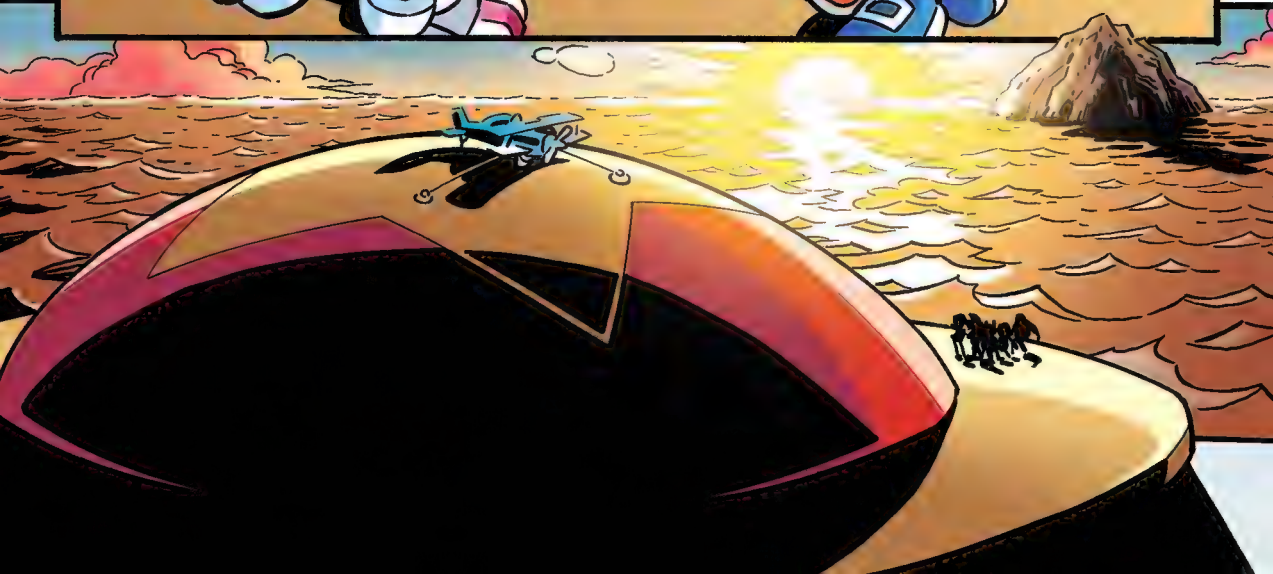
I'll be here with you always.

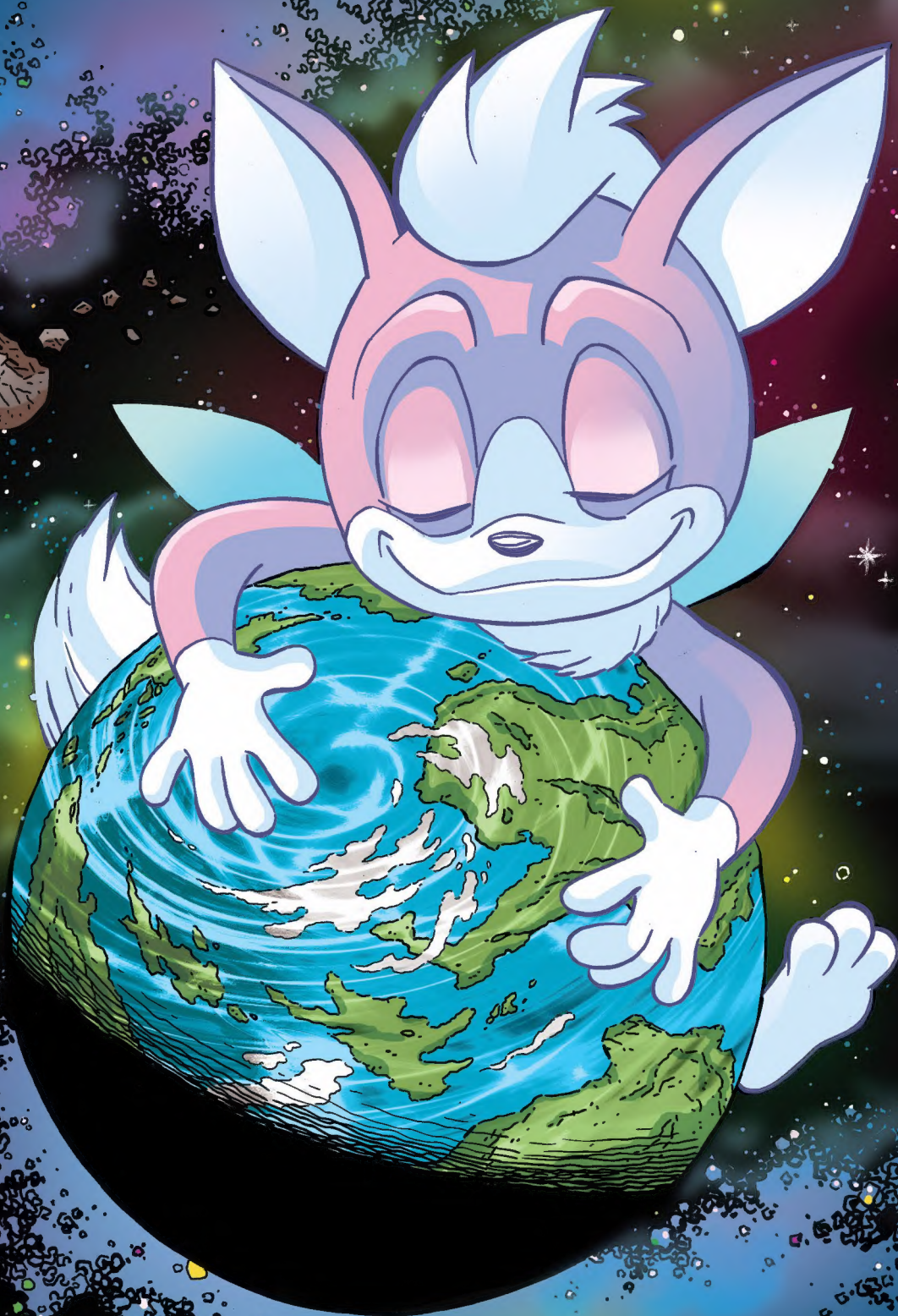


A part of the earth you tread.









THE *SHATTERED WORLD SAGA* HAS COME TO A CLOSE!

THANK YOU for joining us on this SONIC WORLD ADVENTURE!

But as one chapter **ENDS**, another **BEGINS**!

We'll see you **NEXT TIME** as we launch into a brand new epic!

AND UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC UNIVERSE, SONIC SUPER DIGEST AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

Letter from the EDITOR

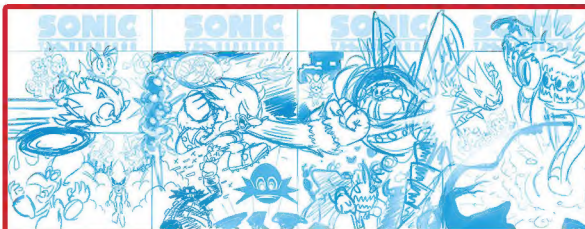
Chaos Emerald-powered editorial commentary! Just add 50 rings!



And that's how you get it done!

Was that a wild ride or what? The planet-sized jigsaw puzzle has finally been completed. So many great artists have lent their talents to tell this grand story and it's so satisfying seeing the end result. Hats off to the creative team on a job well done and a saga well told.

Just in case you missed it, **Tracy Yardley** has made his grand return this issue, and will continue pencilling for our next storyline, **"Genesis of a Hero"**! This special story will honor the Blue Blur's 25-year history by turning back the clock to Sonic's earliest adventures and reveal some key moments in Sonic's history!



STH #284-287 connecting cover concept written by Ian Flynn and sketched by yours truly!

That's all for now. Stay classy, Sonic fans! See you next issue!

Vin
2016

- Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
Editor

Guess who's back, back again? Tracy's back! Tell a friend, because **"Genesis of a Hero"** begins in **STH #288!**



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